

## Friends and supporters of art KARLSRUHE invite you to the Midsummer auction in favour of the Parkinson Foundation

On site: Frank Elstner, ambassador for the Parkinson's Foundation

**Karlsruhe, 12 June 2024 –** Auctioning art and doing good: this is the motto under which the Verein der Förderer und Freunde der art KARLSRUHE, in cooperation with Messe Karlsruhe, invites you to its first charity auction in aid of the Parkinson's Foundation at the Konzerthaus in Karlsruhe on 21 June 2024. Kristian Jarmuschek, Chairman of the Advisory Board of art KARLSRUHE, will be the evening's auctioneer and will lead the auctions of around 50 works provided by the art KARLSRUHE galleries. 50 per cent of the 'hammer price' will go to the Parkinson's Foundation and 50 per cent to the respective artists.

'Buying art and doing good - for me, there is hardly a better reason to come together with our guests,' says Britta Wirtz, Managing Director of Messe Karlsruhe and Chairwoman of the Board of the Friends and Sponsors of art KARLSRUHE. "As a support association, our central concern is to promote art and culture and to create visibility for art in the public eye. We are all the more pleased that we are also serving a good cause for the Parkinson's Foundation today."

## Prominent guests get involved with the Parkinson's Foundation

A real highlight of the evening: Frank Elstner, ambassador for the Parkinson's Foundation, will be on hand to accompany and support the evening. 'I am already looking forward to an exciting evening at the Konzerthaus Karlsruhe,' says the well-known presenter. 'On this evening, art can help to cure Parkinson's - and I would be delighted if many guests bid and support the Parkinson's Foundation in its research projects.' Around 400,000 people in Germany suffer from Parkinson's disease, and there is still no cure. The Parkinson's Foundation, which was founded in 2019 by the German Society for Parkinson's and Movement Disorders, has set itself the task of providing information about the disease and promoting research into possible forms of therapy.

## 'To the first, to the second and to the third...'

Anyone wishing to bid can already secure a bidding card online. The 50 or so works to be auctioned can be viewed from 6 p.m. - at 7.30 p.m. it will then be time for 'first, second and third...'. Each item starts with a starting bid of EUR 100 and the highest bidder wins. Works by artists such as Christopher Lehmpfuhl, Marion Eichmann, Gretel Haas-Gerber and Carlo Krone, winner of

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this year's art KARLSRUHE prize, will go under the hammer. 'Our galleries have provided us with an exquisite selection of works for this special evening,' says auction manager Kristian Jarmuschek. "We are looking forward to a successful auction that will hopefully raise a handsome sum for the Parkinson's Foundation. The fact that we can do good and support artists at the same time with an evening organised jointly by the members of the support association is confirmed by this midsummer event in the beautiful ambience of the concert hall."

## At a glance

Benefit art auction of the Friends and Sponsors of art KARLSRUHE e.V. in favour of the Parkinson Foundation

Friday, 21 June 2024

Karlsruhe Concert Hall

Admission from 6 pm, 7.30 pm start of the auction

Admission: 30 EUR per person, snacks and drinks included

Tickets available at: www.messe-ticket.de

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